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1. PLEASE INFORM CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI THAT
NEITHER HERE NOR IN THE CONSULATE AT KRAKOW HAVE
WE ANY RECORD OF THE DATE OF OCTOBER 17 HAVING BEEN PROPOSED
TO THE KRAKOW ARCHDIOCESE BEFORE THE EXCHANGE WHICH CULMINATED
IN CARDINAL WOJTYLA'S LETTER OF JUNE 29, NOR IS THERE ANY
RECORD THAT THE CARDINAL OR HIS ARCHDIOCESE HAD EVER AGREED
TO THAT DATE. UNLESS THERE HAS BEEN CORRESPONDENCE OR CONTACT
WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WHICH WE HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED,
THE STATEMENT AT THE END OF THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF REF, THAT
THE KRAKOW ARCHBISHOPRIC WAS AWARE OF THIS AND HAD AGREED
TO IT IS SIMPLY WRONG. CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI SHOULD BE MADE
AWARE OF THIS BEFORE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS
IMPARTED TO HIM . (IS IS INTERESTING TO LEARN ABOUT THE
BRADSHAW-SALWECKI LETTER, BUT, BEING IN WASHINGTON,
SLAWECKI WAS IN NO POSITION TO DISCUSS THE DATE IN KRA-
KOW. THE MATTER WAS BEIN HANDLED BY BRAINARD AND
BECSKEHAZY. I WOULD BE INTERESTED TO LEARN ABOUT THE
EXISTENCE OF CORRESPONDENCE IN WHICH ZACHARIASIEWICZ
ASKED US TO FIX THE DATE OF COTOBER 17 WITH THE ARCH-
DIOCESE; WE HAVE NO SUCH CORRESPONDENCE IN OUR FILE
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BEFORE THE APPROACH TO WHICH THE CARDINAL'S LETTER OF
JUNE 29 REPLIES).

2. ON MY INSTRUCTIONS, CONSUL BECSKEHAZY CALLED ON
CARDINAL WOJTYLA AUGUST 23. HE OFFERED MY PERSONAL
APOLOGY FOR THE SITUATION THAT HAD ARISEN AND MADE IT
CLEAR THAT ONLY AS A RESULT OF THE INTERVENTION OF CON-

GRESSMAN ZABLOCKI WERE WE UNDERTAKING THIS APPROACH. HE INFORMED THE CARDINAL OF THE CONTENTS OF THE CONGRESSMAN'S RESOLUTION AND THEN NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE CONGRESSMAN AND THE POLONIA REPRESENTATIVES TO CHANGE THEIR PLANS TO COME ON OCTOBER 17.

3. THE CARDINAL SUGGESTED AGAIN THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO A DATE DURING CARDINAL KROL'S VISIT. (ALTHOUGH WE HAD EARLIER HEARD THAT CARDINAL KROL WOULD COME AT THE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER, THE CARDINAL TOLD BECSKEHAZY THAT HE WOULD BE HERE AT THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER, AND MENTIONED DECEMBER 8 AS THE DATE ON WHICH HE WOULD BE AWARDED AN HONORARY DEGREE BY THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF LUBLIN. NO DOUBT, CLARITY CAN EASILY BE OBTAINED ON THIS POINT BY CALLING CARDINAL KROL'S CHANCERY.)

4. IF THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE AND IF THE DATE OF OCTOBER 17 CANNOT BE CHANGED, THE CARDINAL WOULD WANT TO TRY TO FLY BACK FROM ROME FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS, TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY. HE WILL ASK BISHOP RUBIN IN RKE IF THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE AND WILL INFORM CONSUL BECSKEHAZY OF THE ANSWER, BUT HE IS AFRAID IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE.

5. IF HE CANNOT COME BACK FROM ROME, BISHOP GROBLECKI WILL REPLACE HIM AS HOST.
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6. THE CARDINAL RE-EMPHASIZED HIS INTEREST IN THIS CEREMONY, HIS FULL UNDERSTANDING OF HOW IMPORTANT IT IS, AND HIS STRONG DESIRE TO BE THERE WHEN IT TAKES PLACE. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD HOW DIFFICULT IT MIGHT BE FOR CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI TO CHANGE HIS PLANS.

7. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THE CARDINAL'S WILLINGNESS, IN THE EXTREMITY, TO SEE THE CEREMONY TAKE PLACE WITHOUT HIM, I SUGGEST THAT THE AMERICAN ORGANIZERS DISPLAY A COMPARABLE UNDERSTANDING FOR HIS INTEREST IN BEING PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY. I FIND INCOMPRESHENSIBLE THEIR READINESS TO DISREGARD AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE ASSOCIATED PUBLICLY WITH THIS OUTSTANDING POLISH CHURCHMAN AND STATESMAN. END COMMENT.
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